

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know what has become of that request?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—Government have not been able to find funds yet for giving aid to this new school. Even for classes started in 1111 and 1112, the question of aid is still pending.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know what strength that school has?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—I have not yet received the attendance report of the first quarter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—Is there any method of finding some funds for helping such a school for the deaf and dumb?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—It is premature to give a definite answer. There are only two ways open, one by moving for additional allotment and the other, by transfer of allotment. Transfer is impossible, as funds are limited under all heads. When funds are available, priority will be given to this school.

Grant—Deaf and Dumb School—payment of.

52. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty (*Pazhanji*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a school for the Deaf and Dumb in the State:—

(b) when was the school opened;

(c) whether the Government was not informed about the opening of the school before the school was actually opened;

(d) whether a copy of the letter of the Director of Public Instruction D. No. 8493/12, dated 11th February 1937 be printed and placed on the table;

(e) whether the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction was not accepted by the Government; and

(f) whether any grant is now being given to the school?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—

(a) Yes,

(b) On 14th Chingam 1113.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) The Government cannot give out whether they accepted or not particular recommendations made by Heads of Departments.

(f) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know, Sir, what is the difficulty with regard to the placing a copy of letter of the Director of Public Instruction mentioned in sub-division (d) on the table?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—All correspondence between Government and their servants are confidential and such of the correspondence will be placed on the table where some public interest will be served. In this case, no public interest will be served by placing it on the table.

Students—Carpenter Class—Exemption from fees.

53. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—Will the Government be pleased to exempt the students of the carpenter class also from payment of fees?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—No.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—Are not the blacksmith class backward for complete exemption?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*).—I refer the Hon'ble Member to the Schedule published in the Gazette. I may say for the information of the Hon'ble Member that the number of classes or communities which are being exempted from payment of fees have been going up month after month and as regards this community 'Asari' they are treated as backward and are given all the concessions that are enjoyed by other backward communities.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Apart from this original number of Schedule Castes which are taken as backward, has there been any recent order exempting blacksmiths from even the half-fee?